

**Amendments to the Specification**

Page 1, line 1: Please replace the title of this application with the following title:

5    METHOD FOR PRODUCING CELLULOSE FIBER HAVING IMPROVED BIOSTABILITY

Page 1, line 5: Please replace this paragraph with the following paragraph:

10            This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/228,815, pending,  
              which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/839,947, which is  
              abandoned.